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**An Act To Ensure Full Payment of the State's Salary Supplement
Obligation to Teachers with National Board Certification**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CROCKETT of Portland, DODGE of Belfast,
PIERCE of Falmouth, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13007, sub-§2, ¶D**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 235, §6 and
3 affected by §41, is further amended to read:

4 D. Report and pay ~~no more than \$335,000~~ in each fiscal year from fees collected
5 pursuant to subsection 1 to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the National Board
6 Certification Salary Supplement Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account within
7 the Department of Education an amount sufficient to fund all salary supplements for
8 national board-certified teachers as described in section 13013-A, subsections 1 and 2.
9 If the fees are insufficient to fully fund the annual national board certification salary
10 supplements, general purpose aid must be appropriated to fund the balance.

11 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15689-A, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §61
12 and affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is amended to read:

13 **7. Disbursement limitations.** The funds disbursed in accordance with this section are
14 limited to the amounts appropriated by the Legislature for these purposes except as
15 provided in subsection 12.

16 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15689-A, sub-§12**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 702, §3, is
17 further amended to read:

18 **12. National board certification salary supplement.** The commissioner ~~may~~ shall
19 pay annual salary supplement payments to school administrative units or a publicly
20 supported secondary school for payment to school teachers who have attained certification
21 from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or its successor organization
22 pursuant to section 13007, subsection 2, paragraph D and section 13013-A.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to pay annual national board
25 certification salary supplements to school administrative units and publicly supported
26 secondary schools for payment to national board-certified teachers. Funding for these
27 salary supplements comes from credential fees paid by teachers. If these fees are
28 insufficient to fully fund these salary supplements, general purpose aid must be
29 appropriated to fund the balance.